

LABOR UNIONS CHARGE GRAFT IN ALASKA EXPLOITATIONS

RUMORS POINCARE GOVERNMENT MAY FALL PERSISTENT

Premier Gets Vote of Confidence, but Demand for Ballot Comes Daily.

By United Press
PARIS, Feb. 11.—Premier Poincare got another vote of confidence from the chamber of deputies today—360 to 182—in connection with his financial program but rumors his government may fall at any time persisted.

Poincare, it was pointed out, has been forced to make an issue and demand confidence almost daily for the last month and several times has threatened to retire.

In addition his health is reported failing under the task of keeping up his aggressive foreign policy and at the same time keeping a disgruntled parliament in line.

Today's vote came in connection with an amendment to the general financial measure to suppress the government's text providing for no new state employees.

AUTO LICENSE FEE REFUND PROBLEM REMAINS TANGLED

Jackson and Governor at Swords Points While Lesh Holds Third Opinion.

With Governor McCray opposed to a refund of excess automobile license fees totaling \$1,000,000, Secretary of State Ed Jackson urging immediate payment and Attorney General U. S. Lesh maintaining a legislative act is needed to pry open the treasury, the situation arising from the Supreme Court decision holding the 1924 license law invalid today became more complicated.

While a conference has been called at the Governor's office Tuesday for highway commissioners the Secretary of State and the attorney general, little prospect exists that a rehearing will be asked, it is believed.

Governor McCray has declared excess fees should go to the highway department for road construction purposes.

McCray contends that an act of the legislature would be required to authorize refund of fees turned into the State treasury.

Jackson said, "I will insist upon immediate refund."

"Who will you insist to?" he was asked.

"I don't know, yet," he replied. "Just say I am waiting developments."

In the meantime, State Auditor Robert W. Bracken was waiting for Lesh to rule upon the legality of transferring \$650,000 in inheritance tax funds, existing mythically in the general fund, which is now \$3,000,000 in debt.

John D. Williams, director of the highway department, said the department would not need the inheritance money until about March 1.

VET'S FUNERAL TUESDAY

Jonathan R. Murphy, 80, Dies at Home Sunday.

Funeral services of Jonathan A. Murphy, 80, a Civil War veteran, who died at his home, 628 N. Alabama St., Sunday, will be held at the residence at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday with the Rev. M. B. Hyde and the Rev. Allan B. Philpot officiating. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Mr. Murphy was born near Mechanicsburg, Ind. He served in Company 9, 63th Regiment, Indiana Volunteers.

Mr. Murphy came to Indianapolis in 1876.

He was a member of the Grace M. E. Church and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, No. 44, Indianapolis.

FUNERAL AT CINCINNATI

Paper Stock Company Manager Dies at Methodist Hospital.

Funeral services for Carroll Clark, general manager of the National Paper Stock Company of Indianapolis and of the Toledo Paper Stock Company, who died at the Methodist Hospital Friday, will be held Tuesday, 3 p. m., at the Spring Grove Cemetery Chapel, Cincinnati.

Mr. Martin had lived for five years at 426 N. Meridian St.

He is survived by a son, Carroll Clark Jr. of Toledo; his mother, Mrs. Albert G. Clark of Mobile, Ala.; two brothers and a sister of Mobile.

CLUBS TO STAGE PLAY

The Indianapolis Federation of Community Civic Clubs will present a modern play at Tomlinson Hall in March, it was announced today by Edward O. Sneathen, president. The proceeds will go to carry out the federation program.

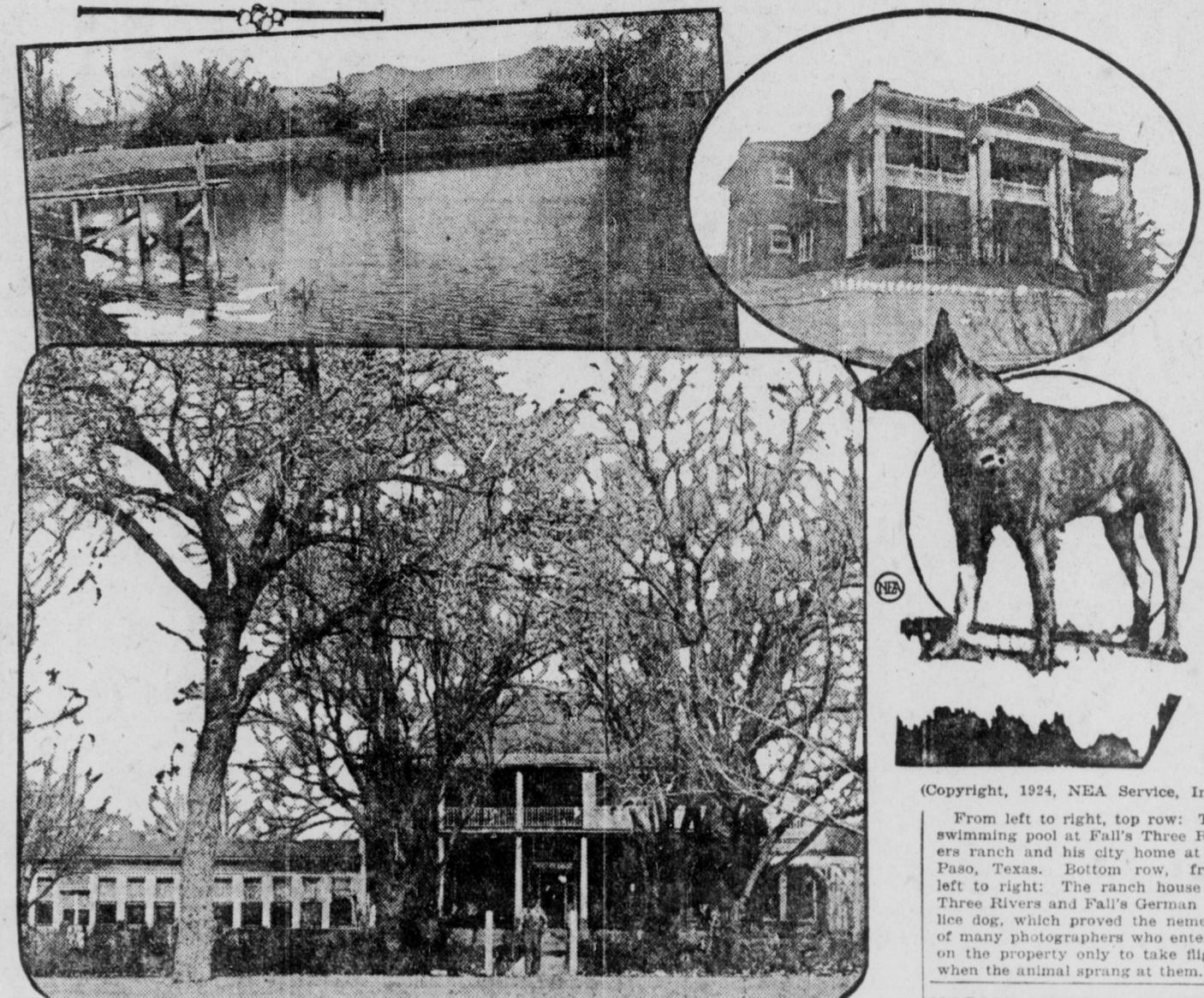
Carleton Guy, dramatic director of the city recreation department, will meet with the federation finance committee at 5 p. m. today in Sneathen's office, 416 Indiana Trust Bldg., and will present a play for approval. Mrs. J. H. Schneider is chairman of the finance committee.

PARKER GRAY, 51, DIES

Funeral services of Parker Gray, 51, who died Sunday at his home, 513 Broadway, will be held from the residence Tuesday at 2:30 p. m.

Mr. Gray was born in Madison, Ind., and had lived in Indianapolis for forty years. He is survived by his widow and his mother, Mrs. Rose Gray of Indianapolis.

Exclusive Pictures of Fall's New Mexico Ranch Now Figuring in Teapot Dome Senate Probe



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Eluding a cordon of cowpunchers, said to have been especially detailed by former Secretary of the Interior A. B. Fall to keep photographers

from taking pictures of his ranch at Three Rivers, N. M., NEA cameramen successfully ran the blockade. Their intrepid dash through the lines netted The Indianapolis

Times these first and exclusive photos of the Fall property, now the center of Senatorial investigation into the transfer of naval reserve oil lands to private interests.

SCOUTS ASSIST IN LINCOLN SERVICES

Boys Will Visit Monument Tuesday.

Boy Scouts today took leading parts in exercises in public schools in honor of Abraham Lincoln. Scouts assisted as part of the fourteenth anniversary of national Boy Scout week.

F. O. Belzer, Scout executive, was to present a flag this afternoon to the room at School No. 54 making the best showing in a marching program.

In other schools, Scouts in uniform served as ushers, color bearers and buglers, and in flag ceremonies.

Tuesday afternoon all Scouts will make a pilgrimage to the Soldiers and Sailors' Monument. Scout officials will explain pictures in the gallery under the monument. Special emphasis will be given to the exhibit pertaining to Lincoln.

Individual troops will give community programs Wednesday and Thursday. A luncheon of the executive board Thursday at the Chamber of Commerce will terminate the week's activities.

MRS. SHIPLEY GETS SIX MONTHS TERM

Columbus Case Involved Grade School Girls.

By Times Special
COLUMBUS, Ind., Feb. 11.—Six months in the woman's prison at Indianapolis was the sentence today given Mrs. Rachael Shipley by Special Judge W. W. Lambert in Juvenile Court.

Shipley was found guilty of contributing to the delinquency of her daughter, Olive, 15, and a dozen other girls of grade school age.

The case concerned alleged parties at the home of Mrs. Shipley and involved prominent men and girls.

It opened here Feb. 4, attracting widespread attention, and assumed a public character, many coming early and bringing lunch, in order not to miss any testimony.

The daughter and two married men, Harry Fielder and Clifford Misner, are to be tried on charge of delinquency and contributing to delinquency.

At the second service Prof. Howard E. Jensen of Butler University spoke. A group of songs was sung by Miss Sylvia Tschudi, accompanied by Miss Christine Hauserman. At the close of each service, the Shortridge Concert Quartette, composed of Hyde, Woodbury, William Hadley, Kenneth Martin, and Robert Schultz, played "The Star Spangled Banner."

Respects to Lincoln's memory will be paid tonight at the regular meeting of the Knights of Columbus at Thirteenth and Delaware Sts. The Gettysburg address will be read by Thomas McGee and the Cathedral choir, under Elmer Steffen, will sing patriotic numbers.

President Robert J. Aley will speak at Butler University services Wednesday.

Earl Conder, attorney, discussed "Lincoln's Boyhood" before the Gyro Club. The Uncle Boy Scout Quartette sang.

The Mercator Club will hold exercises at the Lincoln Tuesday. Fred D. Yeager is booster.

Miss Julia Harrison Moore of the faculty discussed the "Life of Lincoln" at Teachers' College of Indiana.

Applications will be received at the adjutant general's office.

SCHOOLS AND CLUBS PAY LINCOLN HONOR

Public Classes to Be Dismissed Tuesday—Shortridge, Manual and Technical Hold Services.

Indianapolis paused today to reflect that Tuesday is Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Public and private schools and colleges held memorial services.

Public schools will be closed Tuesday. The school board emphasized that half-day cooking and sewing classes will not be held.

Roll room, history and literature class periods at Technical High School were given over to discussion of Lincoln's life and effect on American history.

President Alfred F. Hughes of Evansville College spoke.

Loyal Legion Program

A special meeting of the Com-

mandery of Indiana, Loyal Legion of the United States, was held at the Lincoln at noon. Capt. James E. White read the Gettysburg address; the Rev. Jean S. Miller gave a "Southern Appreciation of Lincoln." A minute with Lincoln" was the subject of Col. Oran Perry, Capt. M. Van Pelt spoke. "A Vote for Lincoln."

Earl Berger was pupil chairman of Lincoln exercises at Manual Training High School. Juanita Williams opened the program. Quotations on Lincoln's ideas of citizenship were given by Veila Chadwell, Marie Davids, Adrian Highfill, Lydia Monroe, Evelyn Byrne, Harold Neely, Anna Knap, Lincoln's letter to Mrs. Bixby was read by Berne Postel.

Former State Senator Roscoe Kipper,

will speak at Lincoln memorial exercises of the Indianapolis Bar Association at the Indianapolis Athletic Club Wednesday evening.

Ex-Senator Albert J. Beveridge will probably speak.

WALDRON PASTOR TO BE RETRIED

Jury In Church Fire Case Disagrees.

By Times Special
SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Feb. 11.—Prosecutor McLane today was making preparations for a second trial of the Rev. Ulysses S. Johnson on a charge of burning the Baptist church at Waldron.

Deadlocked for nine hours, the jury was dismissed Sunday at 1:15 a. m. The jury took a vote fourteen times, the first being ten to two for acquittal. On the last vote the jury stood nine to three favoring the defendant.

The case had been on trial here since Monday, Feb. 4.

It is expected a second trial will be held during the March term of the Shelby Circuit.

DANGER LIGHT INSTALLED

Red Signal Shines on Step to Witness Stand.

Witnesses stumbling over a step to the witness box in the court of Superior Judge James M. Leathers have disrupted the dignity of the law for the last time. The step lies in the shadow, and frequent mishaps to witnesses led to amusement on the part of spectators.

Now a gleaming red light has been installed in the step—much resembling the tall-light of a flivver—to warn witnesses they are approaching dangerous territory as they mount the stand. Each morning when court convenes the signal is lighted.

Premier Stanley Baldwin was given a vote of confidence in conservative caucus at London today.

Called "Peter" changed or stopped at Police censors ordered "Simon Washington Theater, Leonard Wood, Jr., is producing the show.

Senator King, Utah, introduced a resolution in the Senate today providing for international conference to discuss the world's ills.

"All examinations will be held

Friday 4, Smith said. "Candidates must have served with the guard for one year and be between 19 and 22 years old."

Applications will be received at the adjutant general's office.

Another Indiana Guardsman to Be Appointed.

Adjutant General Harry B. Smith

today announced word has been received from the United States War

Department that one additional can-

didate from the Indiana National

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Potential Military Academy.

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Indianapolis Fourth Degree As-

Coolidge Urged to Press 'Clean-Up' in Northern Province—Fall and Denby Implicated in Alleged Conspiracy Over Coal Fields.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Representatives of the "big four" labor unions are preparing to press President Coolidge for action on their request for a "clean up" in Alaska.

In a letter to Mr. Coolidge the labor men said such an investigation "will reveal conspiracy of magnitude and ramifications more serious and baneful by far than the disclosures resulting from the naval oil investigation. Our investigation convinces us that the Alaskan railroad is a victim of deliberate intrigue and conspiracy carried on over a long period, directed by influences hostile to it, which are determined to destroy it as a Government owned railroad and to exploit Alaska for their exclusive benefit."

"After forcing its construction costs to excessive figures, they have prevented tonnage development for it, making it a financial failure," the letter added.

The investigation called by the labor leaders would center on the Alaskan railroad, but would include steamship lines and other industries.

MILLION Available
Several years ago an appropriation of \$1,000,000 was obtained from Congress for development of the Matanuska coal field, which if developed, would constitute an important factor in obtaining increased freight tonnage on the railroad.

Former Secretary of Interior Fall in May, 1922, obtained the transfer of the mine, which was a naval reserve, from the Navy Department to the Department of the Interior by the signing of an order by Secretary Denby.

Immediately after the transfer Fall ordered all operations in the mine stopped. Meantime a special board of the Navy Department conducted tests of the Matanuska coal to determine if it could be used for naval fuel.

Police asked this question today as they investigated both incidents.

Two boys, according to David Haley, 3517 N. Capitol Ave., saw a Ford coupe stop at the sidewalk, two men get out and drag a screaming, struggling young woman into the car. They sped north. A motorist chased the coupe and night riders searched for some time, but it was lost. A detective team, on another call, told of narrowly escaping collision with a speeding Ford coupe.

Sam Trotsky, manager of the Indianapolis Tire Service, 626 N. Meridian St., called police after he found a woman's coat suit, a thin crepe dress and silk underclothing in the manhole. They were ripped as if they had been torn off the wearer.

The reports recall the abduction of Mrs. Helen Hager Wheichel, 1854 Appliance St., by a man in an automobile the night of Nov. 27, and the finding of her body west of the city the next morning.

Police say they have heard, indirectly, of a number of automobile abductions of young women by young men, but the victims, desiring to avoid publicity, have not reported to authorities.

INSURANCE ORDER BRINGS SEQUEL IN INJUNCTION SUITS

Fifty-Eight Companies Seek to Curb Action by Thomas McMurray.

Injunction to prevent Thomas S. McMurray, State insurance commissioner, from enforcing his order of Jan. 29, fixing commissions to be paid agents for fire insurance companies, was asked by fifty-eight insurance companies in two suits filed in Federal Court today.

McMurray's action was "arbitrary, unreasonable, wrongful and oppressive, unconstitutional and void, and in excess of powers granted him by law," the complaint stated.

If the order becomes effective it will confiscate the plaintiffs' property and deprive them of their property without due process of law, it was charged.

Unless the order is complied with, McMurray threatens to revoke authority of the companies and their agents to do business in Indiana, it is charged.

Companies with policies amounting to more than \$300,000,